

CNN January 2018

The study was conducted for CNN via telephone by SSRS, an independent research company. Interviews were conducted from January 14, 2017 - January 18, 2018 among a sample of 1,005 respondents, no interviewing took place on January $16^{\text {th }}$ due to weather conditions at the call center locations. The landline total respondents were 404 and there were $\mathbf{6 0 1}$ of cell phone respondents. The margin of sampling error for total respondents is $+/-3.7$ at
the $95 \%$ confidence level. The design effect is 1.4. More information about SSRS can be obtained by visiting www.ssrs.com. Unless otherwise noted, results beginning with the March 31-April 2, 2006 survey and ending with the April 22-25, 2017 survey are from surveys conducted by ORC International. Results before March 31, 2006 are from surveys conducted by Gallup.

## EMBARGOED FOR RELEASE: Tuesday, January 23 at 4:00 p.m.

On another topic...

Q23. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Robert Mueller is handling the investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election?

|  | Approve | Disapprove | No opinion |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January $\mathbf{1 4 - 1 8 , \mathbf { 2 0 1 8 }}$ | $47 \%$ | $33 \%$ | $20 \%$ |
| December $\mathbf{1 4 - 1 7 , 2 0 1 7}$ | $47 \%$ | $34 \%$ | $19 \%$ |

Q24. Thinking about the investigation into Russian efforts to influence the U.S. presidential election in 2016, which comes closer to your point of view about it?

|  | You think it's a serious <br> matter that should be fully <br> investigated | You think it's mainly an <br> effort to discredit Donald <br> Trump's presidency | No opinion |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January 14-18, 2018 | $58 \%$ | $38 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| December 14-17, 2017 | $61 \%$ | $34 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| November 2-5, 2017 | $64 \%$ | $32 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| August 3-6, 2017 | $60 \%$ | $38 \%$ | $3 \%$ |

Q24a. If Donald Trump is asked to testify under oath for the investigation being run by special counsel Robert Mueller, do you think he should or should not testify?

|  | Yes, should testify | No, should not testify | No opinion |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January 14-18, 2018 | $78 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $4 \%$ |

Q26. Do you think Donald Trump has attempted to interfere with the investigation into Russian efforts to influence the U.S. presidential election in 2016, or do you think he has not attempted to interfere with that investigation?

|  | Yes, has interfered | No, has not interfered | No opinion |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January 14-18, 2018 | $51 \%$ | $41 \%$ | $8 \%$ |

## MORE ON METHODOLOGY

A total of $\mathbf{1 , 0 0 5}$ adults were interviewed by telephone nationwide by live interviewers calling both landline and cell phones. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish. Interviews were conducted January 14-18, 2018, however no interviews were conducted on January $16^{\text {th }}$ due to weather conditions at call center locations. Among the entire sample, 33\% described themselves as Democrats, 24\% described themselves as Republicans, and 43\% described themselves as independents or members of another party.

All respondents were asked questions concerning basic demographics, and the entire sample was weighted to reflect national Census figures for gender, race, age, education, region of country, and telephone usage.

Results for the full sample have a margin of sampling error of $+/-3.7$ percentage points. For the sample of 913 registered voters, it is +/-3.8 percentage points.

Crosstabs on the following pages only include results for subgroups with enough unweighted cases to produce a sampling error of $+/-8.5$ percentage points or less once adjusted for design effect. Some subgroups represent too small a share of the national population to produce crosstabs with an acceptable sampling error. Interviews were conducted among these subgroups, but results for groups with a design-effect adjusted sampling error larger than +/-8.5 percentage points are not displayed and instead are denoted with "N/A".

CNN/SSRS Poll -- January 14, 2018 to January 18, 2018

TABLE 057
23. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Robert Mueller is handling the investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election?
Base: Total Respondents

Approve
Disapprove
Don't know/Undecided/Refused
Sampling Error (+/-)

|  |  |  |  | Trump <br> ap- | Trump <br> disap |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Total | Men | Women | White | White <br> wrove | prove |  |
| $=====$ | $=====$ | $=====$ | $=====$ | $=====$ | $=====$ | $=====$ |
| $47 \%$ | $44 \%$ | $49 \%$ | $48 \%$ | $46 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $65 \%$ |
| $33 \%$ | $36 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $31 \%$ | $36 \%$ | $50 \%$ | $21 \%$ |
| $20 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $14 \%$ |
| 3.7 | 4.9 | 5.4 | 4.4 | 6.7 | 5.7 | 5.0 |

Approve
Disapprove
Don't know/Undecided/Refused
Sampling Error (+/-)

Approve
Disapprove
Don't know/Undecided/Refused
Sampling Error (+/-)

Approve
Disapprove
Don't know/Undecided/Refused
Sampling Error (+/-)

Approve
Disapprove
Don't know/Undecided/Refused
Sampling Error (+/-)

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TABLE 058
24. Thinking about the investigation into Russian efforts to influence the U.S. presidential election in 2016 , which comes closer to your point of view about it?
Base: Total Respondents

|  | Total | Men | Women | White | Nonwhite | Trump approve | Trump disap prove |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| You think it's a serious matter that should be |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| fully investigated. | 58\% | 50\% | 66\% | 51\% | 72\% | 18\% | 88\% |
| You think it's mainly an effort to discredit |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Donald Trump's presidency. | 38\% | 45\% | 30\% | 45\% | 23\% | 77\% | 9\% |
| Don't know/Undecided/Refused | 4\% | 5\% | 4\% | 4\% | 5\% | 5\% | 3\% |
| Sampling Error (+/-) | 3.7 | 4.9 | 5.4 | 4.4 | 6.7 | 5.7 | 5.0 |
|  | Total | 18-34 | 35-49 | 50-64 | $65+$ | <45 | $45+$ |
| You think it's a serious matter that should be |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| fully investigated....................... | 58\% | 63\% | 53\% | 57\% | 59\% | 59\% | 57\% |
| You think it's mainly an effort to discredit |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Donald Trump's presidency. | 38\% | 31\% | 44\% | 40\% | 36\% | 35\% | 39\% |
| Don't know/Undecided/Refused | 4\% | 6\% | 3\% | 3\% | 5\% | 5\% | 4\% |
| Sampling Error (+/-) | 3.7 | 7.8 | 8.0 | 6.5 | 6.8 | 6.1 | 4.4 |
|  |  |  |  | Noncoll. grad | Coll. <br> grad | White noncoll | White coll. grad |
|  | Total = $=$ = $=$ | $\begin{aligned} & <\$ 50 \mathrm{~K} \\ & ===== \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 50 \mathrm{~K}+ \\ & ==== \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { grad } \\ & \text { ===== } \end{aligned}$ | grad. ===== | $\begin{aligned} & \text { coll. } \\ & ===== \end{aligned}$ | grad. |
| You think it's a serious matter that should be |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| fully investigated............................. | 58\% | 64\% | 56\% | 55\% | 64\% | 45\% | 62\% |
| You think it's mainly an effort to discredit |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Donald Trump's presidency. | 38\% | 30\% | 41\% | 40\% | 33\% | 50\% | 36\% |
| Don't know/Undecided/Refused | 4\% | 5\% | 3\% | 5\% | 3\% | 5\% | 2\% |
| Sampling Error (+/-) | 3.7 | 6.0 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 5.2 | 5.9 | 6.2 |
|  | Total | Democrat | Indep endnt Other | Repub <br> lican | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Lib- } \\ & \text { eral } \end{aligned}$ | Moderate | Con serva tive |
| You think it's a serious matter that should be |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| fully investigated. | 58\% | 91\% | 54\% | 21\% | 84\% | 64\% | 30\% |
| You think it's mainly an effort to discredit |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Donald Trump's presidency. | 38\% | 7\% | 40\% | 75\% | 12\% | 32\% | 65\% |
| Don't know/Undecided/Refused | 4\% | 2\% | 7\% | 4\% | 4\% | 4\% | 5\% |
| Sampling Error (+/-) | 3.7 | 6.5 | 5.7 | 7.5 | 7.2 | 5.9 | 6.4 |
|  |  |  |  |  | RV | RV |  |
|  |  | Lean | Lean |  | Very | Less |  |
|  |  | Demo- | Repub | Reg. | Enthu | Enthu |  |
|  | Total | crat | lican | voter | Cong. | Cong. |  |
| You think it's a serious matter that should be |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| fully investigated. | 58\% | 88\% | 23\% | 57\% | 62\% | 52\% |  |
| You think it's mainly an effort to discredit |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Donald Trump's presidency. | 38\% | 8\% | 74\% | 40\% | 36\% | 44\% |  |
| Don't know/Undecided/Refused | 4\% | 3\% | 4\% | 3\% | 2\% | 4\% |  |
| Sampling Error (+/-) | 3.7 | 5.2 | 5.5 | 3.8 | 5.3 | 5.5 |  |

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TABLE 059
24A. If Donald Trump is asked to testify under oath for the investigation being run by special counsel Robert Mueller, do you think he should or should not testify? Base: Total Respondents

Yes, should testify
No, should not testify
Don't know/Undecided/Refused
Sampling Error (+/-)

|  |  |  | Non- <br> Nop- | Trump <br> ap- |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Total | Men | Women | White | white | prove | prove |
| $=====$ | $=====$ | $=====$ | $=====$ | $=====$ | $=====$ | $=====$ |
| $78 \%$ | $71 \%$ | $84 \%$ | $75 \%$ | $84 \%$ | $57 \%$ | $93 \%$ |
| $18 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| $4 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| 3.7 | 4.9 | 5.4 | 4.4 | 6.7 | 5.7 | 5.0 |

Yes, should testify
No, should not testify
Don't know/Undecided/Refused
Sampling Error (+/-)

Yes, should testify
No, should not testify
Don't know/Undecided/Refused
Sampling Error (+/-)

Yes, should testify
No, should not testify
Don't know/Undecided/Refused
Sampling Error (+/-)

Yes, should testify
No, should not testify
Don't know/Undecided/Refused
Sampling Error (+/-)

| Total | $18-34$ | $35-49$ | $50-64$ | $65+$ | $<45$ | $45+$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $=====$ | $=====$ | $====$ | $=====$ | $====$ | $====$ <br> $====$ |  |
| $78 \%$ | $81 \%$ | $80 \%$ | $76 \%$ | $74 \%$ | $81 \%$ | $75 \%$ |
| $18 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $21 \%$ |
| $4 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| 3.7 | 7.8 | 8.0 | 6.5 | 6.8 | 6.1 | 4.4 |


|  |  | Non- <br> coll. | Coll. | White <br> non- | White <br> coll. |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Total | $<\$ 50 \mathrm{~K}$ | $\$ 50 \mathrm{~K}+$ | grad <br> $=====$ <br> $=====$ <br> grad. | coll. | grad. |  |
| $78 \%$ | $85 \%$ | $75 \%$ | $79 \%$ | $76 \%$ | $74 \%$ | $78 \%$ |
| $18 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $18 \%$ |
| $4 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| 3.7 | 6.0 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 5.2 | 5.9 | 6.2 |


| Total | Democrat | Indep endnt Other | Repub <br> lican | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Lib- } \\ & \text { eral } \end{aligned}$ | Moderate | Con <br> serva <br> tive |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 78\% | 95\% | 75\% | 59\% | 91\% | 81\% | 64\% |
| 18\% | 4\% | 22\% | 32\% | 6\% | 15\% | 31\% |
| 4\% | 1\% | 4\% | 8\% | 3\% | 3\% | 5\% |
| 3.7 | 6.5 | 5.7 | 7.5 | 7.2 | 5.9 | 6.4 |
|  |  |  |  | RV | RV |  |
|  | Lean | Lean |  | Very | Less |  |
|  | Demo- | Repub | Reg. | Enthu | Enthu |  |
| Total | crat | lican | voter | Cong. | Cong. |  |
| 78\% | 94\% | 60\% | 77\% | 78\% | 76\% |  |
| 18\% | 5\% | 33\% | 19\% | 18\% | 20\% |  |
| 4\% | 1\% | 7\% | 4\% | 4\% | 4\% |  |
| 3.7 | 5.2 | 5.5 | 3.8 | 5.3 | 5.5 |  |

TABLE 060
26. Do you think Donald Trump has attempted to interfere with the investigation into Russian efforts to influence the U.S. presidential election in 2016, or do you think he has not attempted to interfere with that investigation?
Base: Total Respondents

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Yes, has interfered
No, has not interfered
Don't know/Undecided/Refused
Sampling Error (+/-)
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Yes, has interfered
No, has not interfered
Don't know/Undecided/Refused
Sampling Error (+/-)

Yes, has interfered
No, has not interfered
Don't know/Undecided/Refused
Sampling Error (+/-)

Yes, has interfered
No, has not interfered
Don't know/Undecided/Refused
Sampling Error (+/-)

Yes, has interfered
No, has not interfered
Don't know/Undecided/Refused
Sampling Error (+/-)

|  |  |  |  | Trump | Trump |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Non- |  | Trap- <br> aisap |  |  |  |  |
| Total | Men | Women | White | white | prove | prove |
| $=====$ | $=====$ | $=====$ | $=====$ | $=====$ | $=====$ | $=====$ |
| $51 \%$ | $41 \%$ | $60 \%$ | $45 \%$ | $62 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $86 \%$ |
| $41 \%$ | $51 \%$ | $33 \%$ | $48 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $87 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| $8 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| 3.7 | 4.9 | 5.4 | 4.4 | 6.7 | 5.7 | 5.0 |


| Total | $18-34$ | $35-49$ |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $=====$ | $====$ | $=====$ | $50-64$ <br> $=====$ | $65+$ <br> $=====$ | $<45$ <br> $=====$ | $45+$ <br> $=====$ |
| $51 \%$ | $57 \%$ | $52 \%$ | $46 \%$ | $49 \%$ | $55 \%$ | $48 \%$ |
| $41 \%$ | $32 \%$ | $43 \%$ | $48 \%$ | $43 \%$ | $36 \%$ | $46 \%$ |
| $8 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| 3.7 | 7.8 | 8.0 | 6.5 | 6.8 | 6.1 | 4.4 |


|  |  | Non- <br> coll. | Coll. | White <br> non- <br> grad | White <br> coll. |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Total | $<\$ 50 \mathrm{~K}$ | $\$ 50 \mathrm{~K}+$ | grad. <br> coll. | grad. |  |  |
| $=====$ | $=====$ | $=====$ | $=====$ | $=====$ | $=====$ | $=====$ |
| $51 \%$ | $58 \%$ | $48 \%$ | $48 \%$ | $56 \%$ | $41 \%$ | $53 \%$ |
| $41 \%$ | $34 \%$ | $47 \%$ | $44 \%$ | $37 \%$ | $53 \%$ | $40 \%$ |
| $8 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| 3.7 | 6.0 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 5.2 | 5.9 | 6.2 |


| Total | Democrat | Indep endnt Other | Repub <br> lican | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Lib- } \\ & \text { eral } \end{aligned}$ | Mode- <br> rate | Con serva tive |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 51\% | 83\% | 48\% | 10\% | 81\% | 55\% | 22\% |
| 41\% | 11\% | 43\% | 82\% | 13\% | 36\% | 72\% |
| 8\% | 6\% | 9\% | 7\% | 6\% | 8\% | 7\% |
| 3.7 | 6.5 | 5.7 | 7.5 | 7.2 | 5.9 | 6.4 |
|  |  |  |  | RV | RV |  |
|  | Lean | Lean |  | Very | Less |  |
|  | Demo- | Repub | Reg. | Enthu | Enthu |  |
| Total | crat | lican | voter | Cong. | Cong. |  |
| 51\% | 83\% | 12\% | 50\% | 54\% | 47\% |  |
| 41\% | 10\% | 81\% | 44\% | 41\% | 46\% |  |
| 8\% | 7\% | 7\% | 6\% | 5\% | 7\% |  |
| 3.7 | 5.2 | 5.5 | 3.8 | 5.3 | 5.5 |  |

